

FOSTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Captain Isaac Paine School
160 Foster Center Road
Foster, RI 02825

Tuesday, September 27, 2016
Open Session – 7:15 PM

1. **Convene Meeting** – the meeting of the Foster School Committee (FSC) was called or order by Chair, Kathleen Swanson, at 7:15 PM on Tuesday, September 27, 2016.
 - a. *Roll Call* – all members were present, Chair, Kathleen Swanson, Vice-Chair, Shelley Pezza, and member, Ron Cervasio.
 - b. *Pledge of Allegiance* – was recited by all in attendance.
2. **Public Comment** – there was no comment.
3. **Building Use Requests** – on a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC approved the following requests as presented: PTG on 9/22/2016 for a school assembly, Foster Recreation on 10/28/2016 for Halloween Dance, PTG on 12/1/16 & 12/2/16 for Scholastic Book Fair & Cookies & Cocoa, Ponaganset Girls Basketball Association to use the gym for practice and will call in advance of use, and the PTG for the Library for monthly meetings. Motion carried. Vote = 3-0-0.
4. **Approval of Minutes (for discussion/action)**
 - a. On a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC approved the Open and Executive minutes from 8/23/2016. Motion carried. Vote = 3-0-0.
5. **Approval of Warrants (for discussion/action)** - on motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC approved the Warrant #8 dated 9/12/2016 for \$115,279.29. Motion carried. Vote = 3-0-0.
6. **Business Manager's Report (for discussion/action)**
 - a. Mr. Michael Petrarca, Business Manager, supplied his monthly report to the FSC. He summarized the FY 2015-2016 expenditure report and a year to date revenue report. There were several areas where there were substantial savings: Salaries – largest due to teachers retiring and being replaced with lower step teachers.
7. **New Business (for discussion/action)**
 - a. *Superintendent's Recommendations* – on a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC accepted the resignation of Kristen Gencarelli who had been appointed on 7/14/2016 to elementary teacher. Motion carried. Vote = 3-0-0.
 - b. *Policy #7000 Disposition of Equipment / Books – Request to Dispose – Nonfunctional Technology Hardware*. On a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded

by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC approved the disposition of nonfunctional technology hardware. Motion carried. Vote = 3-0-0.

8. Old Business (for discussion/action)

9. Communication/Reports

a. *Communication* – there was no communication.

b. *Principal's Report* – Mrs. Danusis supplied the FSC with her report and there was discussion on PARCC results.

10. On a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC **vote to convene into Executive Session for discussion and/or action regarding those items of business referred to in R.I.G.L. 42-46-5 (a)(2) Collective Bargaining – Foster Educational Support Personnel, Memorandum of Agreement; R.I.G.L. 42-46-5 (a)(8), Request for Home Schooling Approval.** Motion Carried. Vote = 3-0-0.

On a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC voted to reconvene Open Session. Motion carried. Vote = 3-0-0.

Mrs. Swanson reported that Collective Bargaining and Litigation for the Educational Support Personnel was discussed and no votes were taken. Also, a Home Schooling request was a vote of yes.

On a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mrs. Cervasio, the FSC voted to “Seal” the minutes of Executive Session. Motion Carried. Vote = 3-0-0.

11. Future Agenda Items –

a. Second late bus for Foster

12. **Adjournment** – on a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC voted to adjourn at 8:47 PM. Motion carried. Vote = 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Helena McCullough
Secretary Foster School Committee